

## MEMO

**RE: CIP Code for the UC Berkeley Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program — 52.1301, Management Science.**

Dear USCIS Adjudicator:

The **UC Berkeley Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program** is assigned the **CIP code 52.1301, Management Science**. CIP code determinations are made at the University level (not by the DSO) and have final approval from the University of California Office of the President, after review and approvals by the University Registrar, Office of Planning and Analysis, and the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education (for undergraduate programs) or the Graduate Division (for graduate programs). CIP code information is also reported to WASC Senior College and University Commission by the Accreditation Liaison Officer.

The CIP code 52.1301, Management Science, is found on the DHS STEM Designated Degree Program List: <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/stem-opt-hub/additional-resources/eligible-cip-codes-for-the-stem-opt-extension>. The student's SEVIS record and I-20 reflect the STEM-eligible CIP code. F-1 regulations at 8 CFR 214.2(f)(10)(ii)(C)(2)(iii) state: "At the time the DSO recommends a 24-month OPT extension under this paragraph (f)(10)(ii)(C) in SEVIS, the degree that is the basis for the application for the OPT extension must be contained within a category on the STEM Designated Degree Program List."

The university determined that the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program best aligns with CIP code 52.1301, Management Science, the description of which, according to the U.S. Department of Education (National Center for Education Statistics, 2020 CIP), is as follows: "A general program that focuses on the application of statistical modeling, data warehousing, data mining, programming, forecasting and operations research techniques to the analysis of problems of business organization and performance. Includes instruction in optimization theory and mathematical techniques, data mining, data warehousing, stochastic and dynamic modeling, operations analysis, and the design and testing of prototype systems and evaluation models."

Berkeley International Office understands that there may be some confusion when a CIP code does not directly mirror the name of the degree program as listed on the diploma or transcript. USCIS should be aware that it is common for a particular degree program name to differ from the title of the CIP code assigned to it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a DSO at Berkeley International Office at [internationaloffice@berkeley.edu](mailto:internationaloffice@berkeley.edu) or 510-642-2818.

Sincerely,

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